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Schindler speaks on right-to-life debate

BY JUSTIN WORTHING
Staff Writer

Bobby Schindler, the brother of the now-deceased Terri Schiavo, shared his side of the controversial life support case on March 10 in Kennedy Auditorium. Schindler came to Xavier to explain his opposition to euthanasia and his advocacy work following Schindler's death.

He began by recalling the famous case that began when Schiavo collapsed in her apartment complex in 1990. She suffered severe brain injuries as a result and was kept alive on life-support until 2005.

During this time, Schindler and Schiavo's family appealed to have Terri remain on life support while Terri's husband, Michael Schiavo, requested to stop it. After numerous court hearings, the court ruled in Michael Schiavo's favor.

Throughout his talk, Schindler wished to make clear that for him, the case was never an end-of-life issue.

"It's really misleading to think of Terri's situation as end-of-life," Schindler said, "because the fact of the matter was she wasn't dying. We're not talking about someone that was terminal. We're not talking about someone that was actively dying or seriously close to death. What we're talking about tonight is the issue of food and hydration."

He then explained limitations of the persistent vegetative state diagnosis — a condition in which patients are not unconscious but do not possess true awareness — by stating that Terri showed some signs of responsiveness to her surroundings. He also argued against the use of the label "human non-persons" and compared

the actual euthanasia process to death in concentration camps.

"I've seen some pictures of those in the concentration camps and what they looked like," Schindler said, "and I have to tell you, that last day or two, my sister was much worse physically than those photos. This is the most barbaric and inhumane thing I can think of doing to a human being, yet we've accepted it and are doing it every single day."

Schindler concluded by articulating the right-to-life foundation for his argument, stating that people should not use quality of life or other factors to determine if someone lives or dies. For Schindler, people should never make that choice for their relatives.

"If we get to decide who gets food and hydration," Schindler said, "Where do we stop? Basically



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Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schiavo, spoke on Xavier's campus.

we're deciding who has more worth and who does not have more worth. Someone that's not dying, that just has a brain injury, and just needs food and hydration, why take that away?"

Rifkin discusses energy justice theory

BY TAYLOR FULKERSON
Opinions & Editorials Editor

Jeremy Rifkin is an advisor to prime ministers and governments, including Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel. He is the bestselling author of 19 books, which have been translated into 35 languages. He also has a message for Xavier.

"I was wrong for 30 years," he said to an audience of Xavier students, professors, local community members and Cincinnati city officials. He claims that he "underestimated the consequences" of global climate change.

Rifkin's lecture, "Energy Justice: Leading the Way to a Third Industrial Revolution," on March 10, focused on the need to "change every aspect of the way we work and live," and how that will come about. Rifkin, who taught at the Wharton School of Business, emphasized the role business ought to have in the transition away from an economy based on fossil fuels.

"It is the height of hubris to do what we have been doing and think we won't suffer the consequences," Rifkin said. "We need a new economic vision, and it has to be compelling."

Rifkin's theory proposes a "third industrial revolution" to replace the previous two, shifting from centralized power production to lateral power and information distribution. He stressed the importance of the internet and

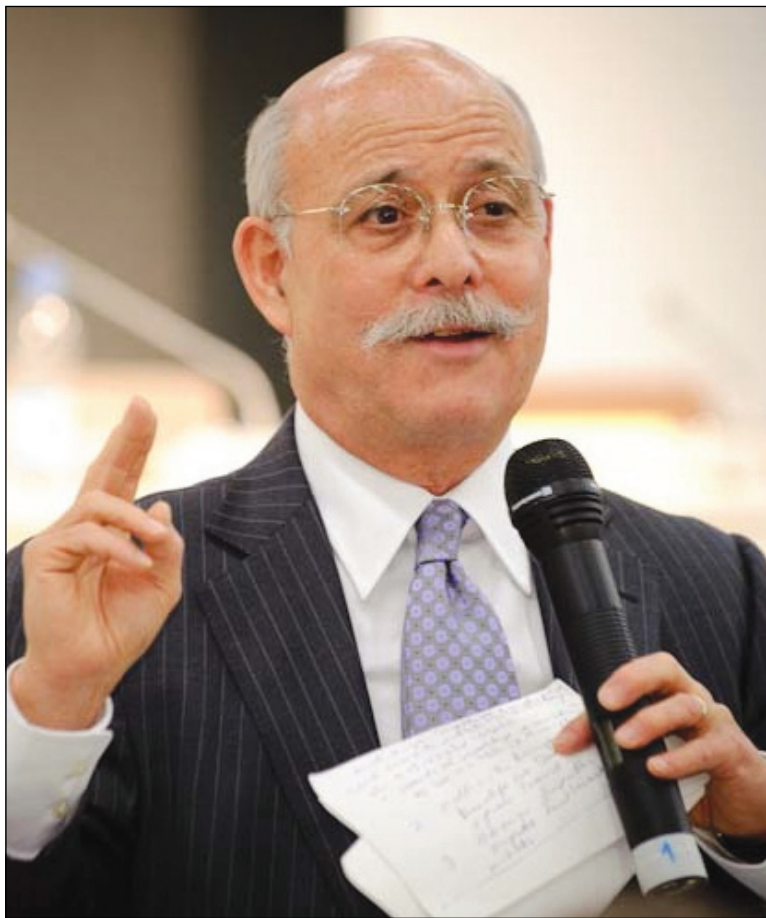


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Jeremy Rifkin spoke at Xavier about energy justice and his upcoming book.

collaboration between governments and private enterprise in facilitating that shift.

The lecture was sponsored by The Eigel Center for Community-Engaged Learning, the Philosophy, Politics & the Public program, the Sierra Club, Green Umbrella Regional Sustainability Alliance and others. The public lecture drew a large crowd from both

the local community and Xavier's campus.

Questions after the lecture ranged from inquiries about the role of cold fusion in energy production to vegetarianism, and from the First World-Third World wealth gap to green transportation.

While the lecture made claims primarily about the role that gov-

ernments and businesses need to play, the message was also directed towards students and average people.

"We are all consumers . . . we are all part of the system, as it now stands," Xavier University Sustainability Coordinator Ann Dougherty said in an interview.

"The democratization and further protection of the social commons, the internet, is something that we can all work on. I think Mr. Rifkin is trying to speak truth and bridge some gaps in our thinking and doing."

Rifkin's message included everyday actions for bridging that gap, such as reducing consumption of meat and utilizing the internet as a network of information, goods and energy.

"I think what Rifkin is talking about is really all for the millennial generation and where the world is going and might go," Dr. James Buchanan, executive director of The Brueggeman Center for Dialogue, said in an interview.

"His ideas of the relationship between the collaborative economy and capitalist economy, the internet of things, etc., are things that all students need to consider as they are thinking about their careers and their lives."

Rifkin's forthcoming book, "The Zero Marginal Cost Society: The Internet of Things, the Collaborative Commons, and the Eclipse of Capitalism," will be released on April 1.

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Campus News

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Big East schools to host networking and career event in New York City

BY LYDIA ROGERS
Staff Writer

It is Xavier's first year in the Big East, and the Career Development Center plans to take advantage of this opportunity to promote career planning.

On March 14, the Big East Career Consortium will be hosting the Big East Career Networking Event at the Madison Square Garden Bar and Grill in New York City during the Big East men's basketball tournament.

While the basketball tournament highlights the importance of the new conference to the schools' athletic departments, this event will be an opportunity for non-athlete students to benefit from the new Big East affiliation.

The Big East Career Networking Event brings together the career centers of the 10 universities that make up the newly-reorganized Big East athletic conference: Butler, Creighton, DePaul, Georgetown, Marquette, Providence, Seton Hall, St. John's, Villanova and Xavier.

The event is organized by the Big East Career Consortium, which is an active group that regu-



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larly networks and shares best practices through monthly conference calls and a face-to-face meeting in the summer.

"The Consortium also strives to advance the career success of all our students by offering collaborative events including the Virtual Career Fair in November," Career Development Director Jen Franchak said.

At the networking event, students and alumni will have the opportunity to meet up to 30 employers from a variety of industries and career fields in one location.

Students will benefit from the chance to speak with employers about skills and experiences they would bring to the workplace, learn more about available positions and how to apply and practice important career networking skills that are vital to a successful

job or internship search.

"In addition, the event allows students of all Big East schools to benefit from employer contacts outside of our individual campus contacts since all Big East career centers invited their employers to participate," Franchak said. "That being the case, because the event is held in New York City, it tends to draw employers from this area so it will be especially beneficial for students interested in employment in this region of the country."

The Big East Career Networking Event will expand Xavier students' opportunities to connect with organizations that do not currently recruit on campus or in the region.

"Job and internship searching is much more than events that happen on campus as many industries don't recruit on college campuses," Franchak said.

SAC to sponsor expanded shuttle service to Newport



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BY MIKE CLARK
Staff Writer

Xavier will hold its fourth annual Luck on the Levee on March 13, giving students an alternative way to de-stress around this time of year.

Luck on the Levee is an event organizers hope will provide Xavier students with an alternative activity around St. Patrick's Day. From 6 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, all Xavier students will be given the opportunity to ride to or from Newport on the Levee at thirty-minute intervals.

The event is being sponsored by Student Activities Council (SAC). Representatives from SAC will be offering a special deal to students on Wednesday in Gallagher Student Center (GSC).

Dustin Lewis, associate director of Student Involvement at Xavier, spoke about the benefits of being one of the first 90 students to buy a special ticket.

The tickets sold on Wednesday will provide students with a free movie voucher to the AMC theater in Newport as well as a gift card for \$10 worth of food.

"Basically, for \$5, the first ninety people to buy these tickets starting Wednesday in the GSC will receive \$20," Lewis said.

Any student can come and enjoy Luck on the Levee throughout the evening since the shuttles are free. But, for those interested in a way to make their money last throughout the night, 90 tickets will be available starting on March 12.

Brueggeman Center hosts Pope discussion

BY TATUM HUNTER
Staff Writer

Pope Francis' unique approach to the papacy has many people talking. Next week, students, faculty and administrators at Xavier will gather to offer their opinions on Pope Francis' leadership style and teachings.

The Brueggeman Center for Dialogue is holding an open discussion of the election and papacy of Pope Francis at Bellarmine Chapel at 7 p.m. on March 18 in Bellarmine Chapel.

The event is co-sponsored by various campus groups, including the Catholic Ministry Team and the Center for Mission and Identity.

The discussion will feature Dr. Gillian Ahlgren, who specializes in church history and mysticism, and Dr. Chris Pramuk, who studies issues of racial justice in society and the Church. Ahlgren and Pramuk will offer their perspectives on the papacy of Pope Francis as they field questions and lead discussion.

The event is geared mainly toward members of the Catholic community but is open to anyone who would like to attend.

"This pope is touching people from all walks of life and faith traditions," Cynthia Cummins, administrative assistant at the Brueggeman Center, said.

The goal of the event is to facilitate discussion surrounding some of the more interesting aspects of Pope Francis' leadership, such as the way he draws upon both the Jesuit and Franciscan traditions in his teachings and writings.

Attendees will have the chance to voice their comments, ques-



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The Brueggeman Center for Dialogue, together with other campus groups, will host a discussion about the leadership and theology of Pope Francis.

tions and concerns regarding the choices Pope Francis has made so far in his papacy and his reception throughout the world.

Although he has spent only one year as head of the Catholic Church, his papacy has not been short on controversy. On multiple occasions, the pope's statements have created a stir. He has been an outspoken critic of materialism among the religious and has suggested that the Catholic community should diversify the issues at the forefront of discussion and focus less on subjects like abortion and contraceptive use.

"Naturally, since his attitude towards the papacy is different from any other pope, people talk," Annie Szendrey, member of the Catholic Ministry Team, said.

"Within the Catholic community at large, I've noticed many people have been concerned with

the way his words are taken. Many Catholics have voiced issue with the fact that, often, his comments are taken out of the full translation or manuscript. In doing this, sometimes his meaning is taken differently than in the whole context of what he was saying in the document or speech."

This event should help both students and faculty alike develop a better understanding of the traditions behind Pope Francis' teachings and the attitudes surrounding this unique leader.

"Since many students came to Xavier because of its Jesuit heritage, they seem to feel a real connection with Pope Francis, due to his order," Szendrey said. "I pray that he brings many more people to the Church than before he was elected. I'm not sure how he will do that, but I trust that God is leading him there."



POLICE NOTES



Feb. 24, 11:19 a.m. – A student reported damage to his or her vehicle parked in the Commons Lot. No suspects were reported.

Feb. 28, 8:13 p.m. – A student reported that the peephole to his or her room door in Kuhlman Hall was missing.

March 4, 8:34 a.m. – A physical plant employee reported damage to an exit sign that was knocked down in the basement of Brockman Hall.

March 6, 2:52 p.m. – Xavier Police and Cincinnati Police arrested a juvenile who assaulted a student outside the Manor House and fled with his or her smartphone. The student was not injured.

March 6, 9:15 p.m. – A student yelling profanities during the basketball game was asked to leave the event and was cited for underage consumption.

March 7, 7:37 p.m. – Xavier Police stopped a visitor who was driving on the grass in front of Buenger Hall. The person said that he or she was visiting a student on campus and had gotten lost.

March 9, 4:17 p.m. – Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police with a traffic stop at Victory Parkway near the entrance to University Drive. The driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

March, 8:08 p.m. – Xavier Police informed Cincinnati Police of a disabled vehicle at Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway. Officers took the driver, who had six outstanding warrants, into custody.

March 9, 8:22 p.m. – Three juveniles yelling profanities at a student in the GSC were issued trespass warning letters and sent on their way.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

It's not delivery, it's the fire department

Feb. 28, 11:15 p.m. – Xavier Police responded to a smoke alarm in the Manor House. A pizza box placed in the oven to reheat the pizza caught fire and caused the alarm. The fire was extinguished before arrival. The alarm was reset.

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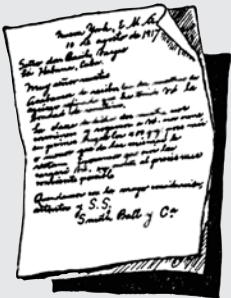
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A newer, better Core?

When I first heard that the university was planning to revise the core curriculum some time ago, I was immediately skeptical.

Whether you love it or hate it, Xavier’s core is arguably our defining feature as an institution. In my own process of interviewing at medical schools this past year, the breadth of my education gave me an undeniable edge over applicants from far more “renowned” research universities. And clearly the value of the core extends far beyond even such pragmatic concerns — so why compromise that which makes us most distinctive?

After an in-depth reading of the proposed core models, I have tempered this attitude with a healthy dose of humility. I can now acknowledge that this is a remarkably complicated issue. I do not know what the best course of action is for our future. Our current core may not be ideal or even feasible in the near future.

However, as a student who has benefited so enormously from Xavier’s education, I feel compelled to offer a few comments regarding the models that have been proposed, and to suggest a few central ideas that all of us — students, faculty and administrators — could do well to bear in mind as we move through this period of transition. On all the points that follow, I am open to any criticisms or dialogue.

I think it is fair to say that the proposed new models seem to place a great emphasis on problem-solving and application, with new requirements in “applied” theology and ethics, and with one model referencing “problems-based introductions to the Jesuit tradition.” The lion’s share of each model seems to be given to *depth* of exposure to a particular topic rather than *breadth*, in concert with a preference of *application* over *theory*.

As a student of both science and the humanities, I recognize that learning to apply our knowledge to solve complex problems

is an invaluable component of our education. However, I would contend that a true liberal arts education is yet more ambitious in its scope. A document penned and approved by the XU faculty in the eighties defines the purpose of a liberal arts education as “to develop the intellectual, imaginative and moral abilities of the person,” and emphasizes that such an education must “free” students by inducting them into the “broad range of human experience.”

This is a much more expansive notion of education than the mere problem-solving that is being stressed today. Within an authentic Jesuit framework, education must be more than simply gaining problem-solving skills, learning about contemporary issues

The proposals for the new Core are inadequate

and developing “post-college” readiness in a variety of practical matters.

Rather, education is about forming students into independent thinkers and achieving emotional and moral integration. Ultimately, although I recognize this may be a contentious claim, a distinctively Jesuit education is concerned with the formation and actualization of souls, all for the glory of God.

Of course, it is true that a common theme in many of the proposed models seems to be an inculcation of “Jesuit values,” taking place through a variety of means: special seminars, four years of Manresa and so on. And I affirm wholeheartedly that our curriculum ought to be rooted in our Jesuit heritage. But I wonder sometimes if the brand of “Jesuit Ignatian values” that we promulgate at this university is not a tad shallow.

The Jesuits are, before anything else, an order of Roman Catholic priests and brothers founded in the 16th century, their primary



Michael Petransy is a senior philosophy major from Huntington, WV.

mission being (in Ignatius’ words) “to help souls.” Any notion of “Jesuit values,” if indeed we must make use of this rather vague term, ought to be linked (and always has been linked) to more basic Catholic commitments: the dignity of the human person formed in the image of God, faith in Christ as the ultimate source of all truth and salvation and a dedication to charity and the unconditional love of others. These commitments are developed and lived out within the context of an inclusive, diverse and faithful community. Again, I recognize these are controversial statements, but fundamentally, this is our tradition as a Jesuit university.

Stemming from these acknowledgements, we see that with respect to education, a Jesuit university actually need not over-emphasize the indoctrination of any set of values. It need only be uncompromisingly rigorous, based on the Catholic conviction that intellectual growth leads us to God.

My best professors at Xavier have never sought to dictate to me any particular set of values, explicitly or implicitly; rather, they have *taught me to think*. In this way they have been preeminently “Jesuit,” by demonstrating a virtuous way of life and showing me what is even worth thinking about. Addressing contemporary moral-political problems — which, in contrast to what the core models seem to suggest, will never be “solved” by Xavier undergraduates — forms only a part of this larger picture.

I continue to have hope for this university’s bright and blessed future. At the same time, however, I can say with near certainty that if the university had been operating under one of the proposed new core models when I applied four years ago, I would not have chosen to attend here. The reduction of Xavier’s core to an exercise in developing solutions to world problems will, ironically, probably solve nothing. What is needed most of all is a renewal of commitment to the formation of our intellectual powers, accomplished through a rigorous course of liberal study in the authentic Jesuit tradition. It is, without a doubt, what we do best.



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Sports opinion: XU fighting an uphill battle: Men’s basketball Big East Tournament prediction

BY TIM WILMES
Sports Editor

After a late-season surge of quality wins, the Xavier Musketeers find themselves in a postseason fight for a chance at the Big Dance — the NCAA Tournament — after a disappointing loss at Seton Hall and a hard-fought loss at home to No. 6 Villanova.

And with junior center and captain Matt Stainbrook sidelined until Saturday, it looks like the Musketeers will be in an uphill battle during the Big East Tournament this weekend at Madison Square Garden in New York.

By the Numbers

Will the lack of Stainbrook’s presence in the offense doom the Musketeers? The pundits worried that XU could be sent packing after one game certainly have reason to be worried going into this weekend.

After all, Xavier was 4-6 on the road in the regular season and 1-3 on neutral sites. The poor record away from Cintas Center and the fact that the Musketeers



are 0-2 since Stainbrook went down

with an MCL strain spells trouble for Xavier.

Further, XU has lost three games in a row twice this season: once in a neutral setting at the Bahamas and once predominantly on the road against Big East teams. Fans worried about the pressure for the team to succeed are certainly hoping that March doesn’t mean an unlucky No. 3 again for the Musketeers.

Xavier’s first matchup in the tournament against Marquette (MU) proves worrisome as well. The last time the two teams met, the Golden Eagles staved off the Musketeers in Milwaukee to bring the season series to 1-1.

The key matchup in the quarterfinal game on Thursday will come between MU center Davante Gardner and the XU Stainbrook-less bigs. Gardner is averaging 15.1 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game and is averaging 17.5 ppg against the Musketeers this year. Marquette has been skillful from behind the arc against Xavier this year as well, making 44.4 percent of 3-pointers taken.

So, there’s the bad news. Although the team will have to battle on every possession in N.Y., there is certainly still hope for the Musketeers.

Though Marquette provides matchup problems for Xavier without Stainbrook and had a late-season surge, the Golden Eagles have lost three games in a row themselves. Granted, two of these games were one point losses, one at Providence and one against St. John’s in double overtime. But the fact still remains that MU hasn’t tasted victory since February. Further, the Golden Eagles post equally bad road numbers, going 4-8 on the road and 1-2 in neutral games.

And although Marquette will be a tough task for Xavier, there could have been an even harder matchup against St. John’s (SJU) playing in front of a home crowd. Luckily, five-seeded SJU is on the



Junior guard Dee Davis is second in the Big East with 4.9 assists per game.

other side of the bracket.

The final piece of the puzzle rests on head coach Chris Mack and how he chooses to use his team for the first time in the pressure games of the Big East Tournament.

Though Mack was 3-4 all-time in the Atlantic 10 Tournament, he boasts an impressive 4-3 record in the NCAA Tournament and two Sweet 16 appearances. The latter stat means more here: Mack’s teams never had to win the A-10 Tournament to get into the Big Dance, save for last year, and he has proven the ability to coach in high-pressure games with success.

X-Factors

Ultimately, Xavier’s success in New York depends on two things: will the Musketeers capitalize in key possessions, and how will XU’s guards perform on offense? In big games against Butler, Marquette, Georgetown, Creighton and St. John’s, Xavier has hit big shots and converted scoring opportunities late in the game, something it was unable to do at Marquette and, more recently, against Villanova.

If the Musketeers find themselves behind this weekend, they’ll need to close the gap and stay within striking distance for a

chance at a late win.

Further, junior guard Dee Davis and sophomore guard Semaj Christon will be key in New York for their big play ability and what they will have to provide to the Musketeers’ offense for the team to be successful.

After the loss to Villanova, Mack mentioned that often, how Davis plays directly impacts Xavier’s chances of winning. The gritty guard will need to push the ball and create chances for his teammates while also putting up a solid stat line if XU wants a chance at winning.

Meanwhile, Christon has already proven he has what it takes to make clutch shots and carry the team when it is struggling. The First Team All-Big East star is averaging 17 ppg and 4.1 assists per game, but he’ll need to focus his energy even more on providing assists this weekend in Stainbrook’s absence.

It may sound funny, but besides Christon and Davis with 4.9 assists, Stainbrook is the only other player averaging over one assist with 2.3 assists per game.

It seems the ideal situation for Xavier fans would be for the team to defeat Marquette and notch a win over Creighton or Georgetown

Quote of the Week

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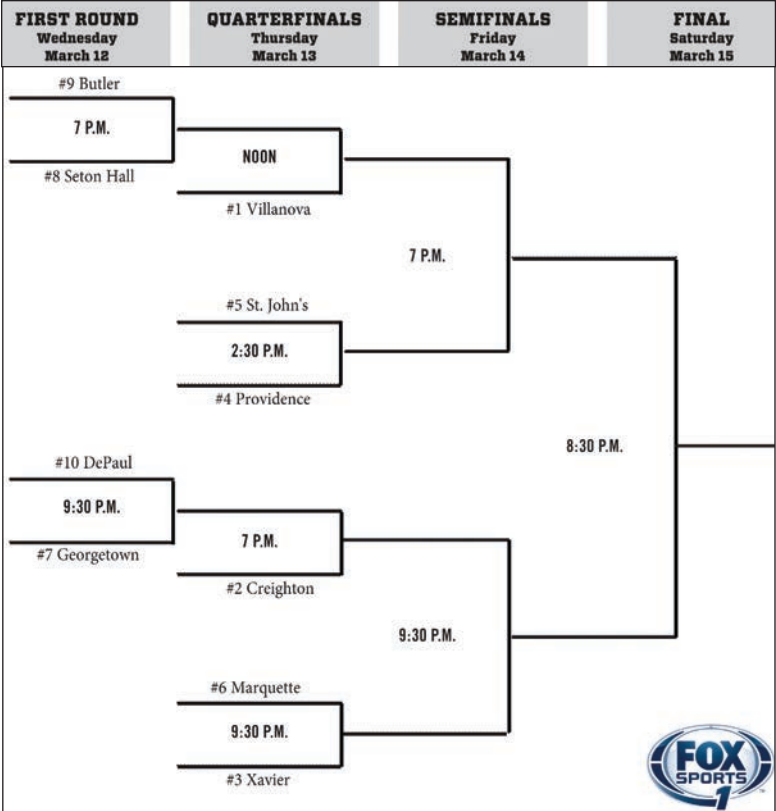
“We’re going to finish the regular season with 20 wins and our strength of schedule right now sits at 20. History has shown that any team with a top-20 schedule in the country that finishes with 20 wins is an NCAA Tournament team. Period. Our conference is third in the country when it comes to conference strength... Maybe we’re not winning the P.R. battle, but to think that the Big East will only get two teams in (the tournament) — people are trying to put that out there — it’s foolish.” — *Chris Mack after the Villanova loss*

Sidebar

XU Ultimate Frisbee lost to Cincinnati in the Crosstown Classic last night 15-8.

in the semifinal game to seal a ticket to the NCAA Tournament. If the Musketeers can only sneak by with one win or no wins, their tournament chances might look a little slimmer by potentially being placed in a play-in game.

Regardless of the result, one thing’s for sure: sparks will fly in close games and stars will emerge in big victories this weekend at Madison Square Garden.



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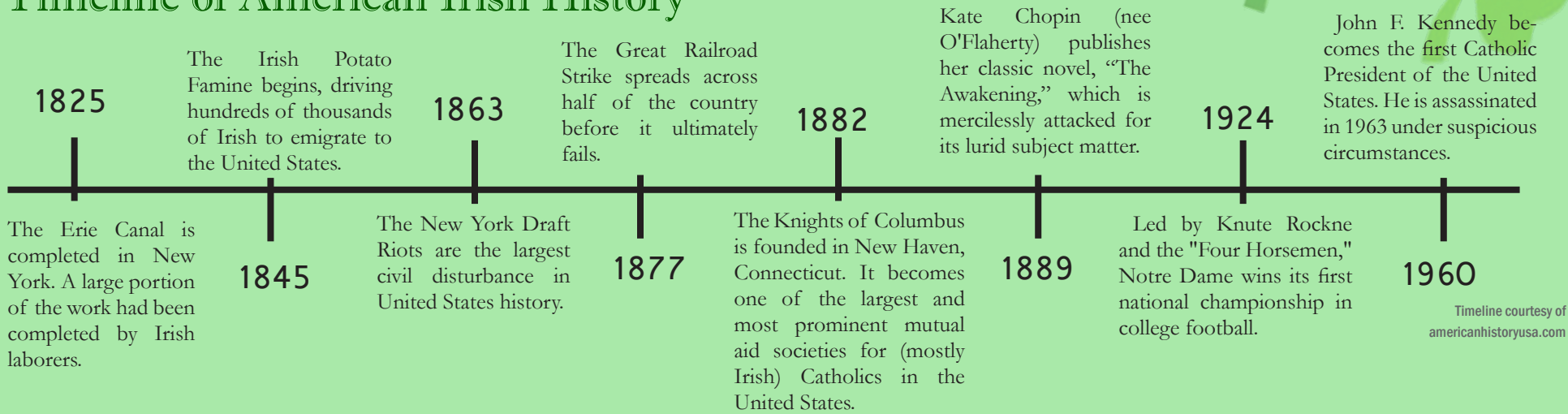
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- 2/3 cup raisins
- *Option to add 1/2 cup of sour cream

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray eight inch-diameter cake pan with nonstick spray. Whisk flour, four tablespoons sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in large bowl. Using fingertips, rub in butter until coarse meal forms. Make well in center of flour mixture. Add buttermilk. Gradually stir dry ingredients into milk to blend. Mix in raisins. Using floured hands, shape dough into ball. Transfer to prepared pan and flatten slightly (dough will not come to edges of pan). Sprinkle dough with remaining one tablespoon sugar. Bake bread until brown and tester inserted into center comes out clean, or for about 40 minutes. Cool bread in pan 10 minutes. Enjoy!

Fun Facts

All information courtesy of history.com

There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with **Irish ancestry.**

New York City and Boston have the **largest** celebrations in the United States.

The first parade took place in 1762 when **Irish soldiers** marched through NYC.

There are approximately **144,588** people in America that were born in Ireland.

Irish soda bread gets its name and distinctive character from the use of **baking soda** rather than yeast as a leavening agent.

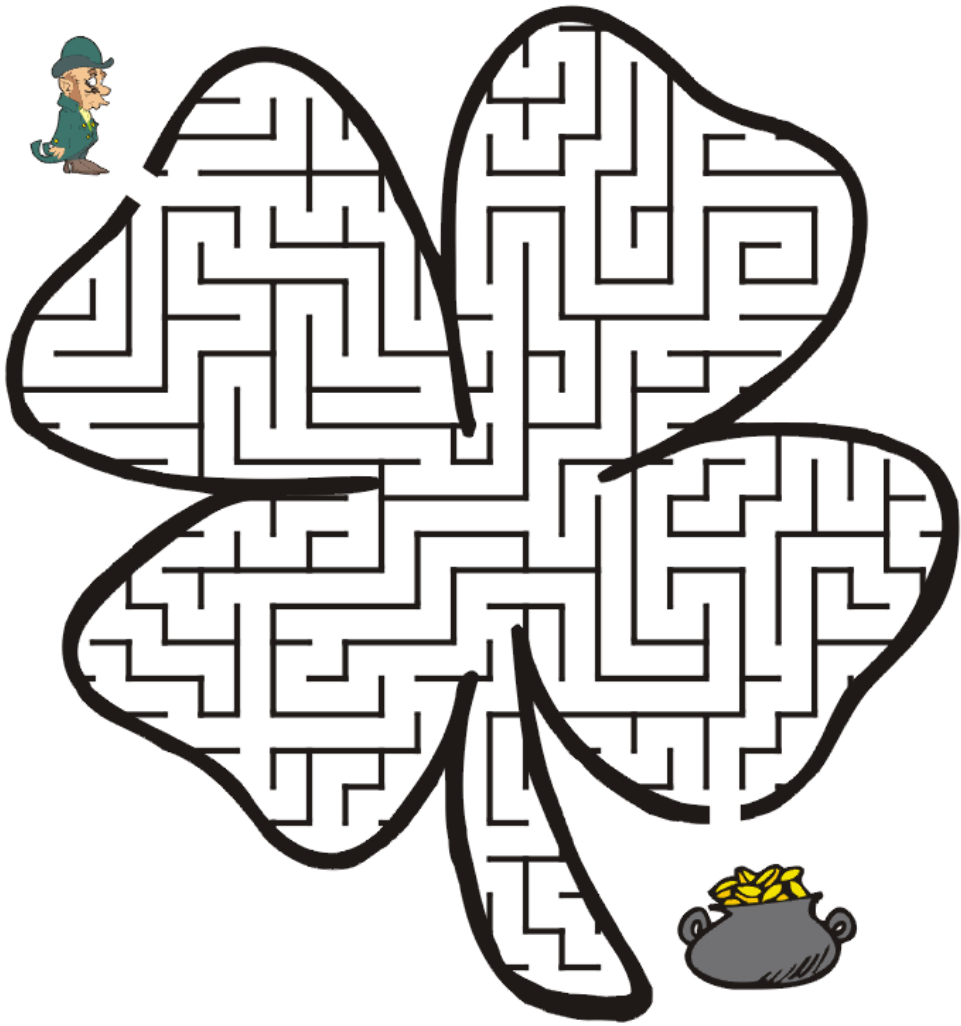
Irish is the **second** most commonly reported ancestry. German is the first.

The St. Patrick's day parade in NYC **does not** allow balloons or floats.

Forty pounds of green dye are used to turn the Chicago River green.

Thirty-nine percent of the American population **celebrates** St. Patrick's day.

Help the leprechaun find his pot of gold!



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